

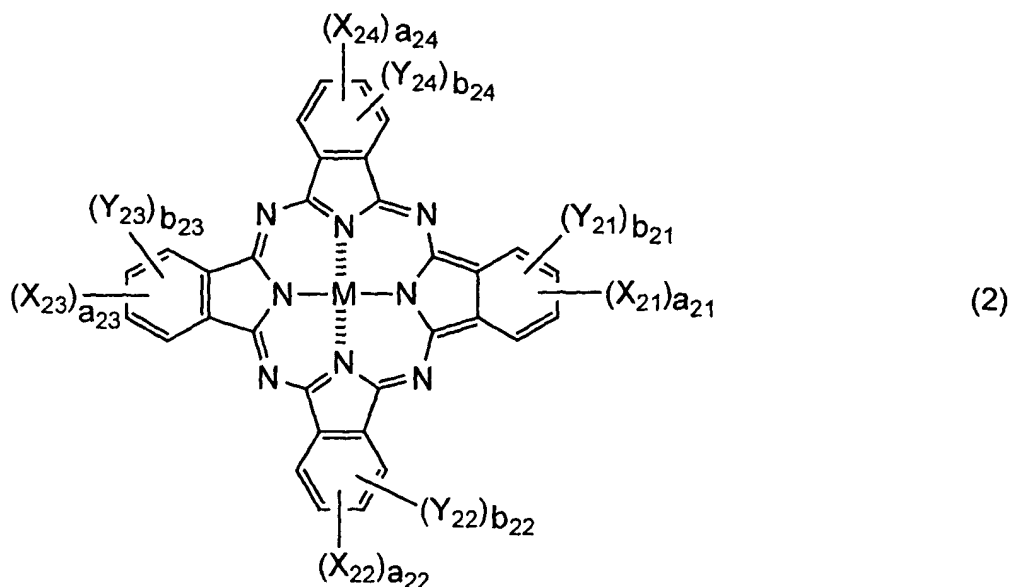
**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraphs beginning at the top of page 4 and ending with the third full paragraph on page 15 of the specification with the following amended paragraphs:**

~~1. An~~ In a first aspect, the invention provides an ink for inkjet ~~(first aspect)~~ comprising an aqueous medium, at least one of dyes represented by the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium, and at least one of alkylene diols where one alkylene group has at least 3 carbon atoms or their homologues dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium:



wherein  $A_{11}$  and  $B_{11}$  each independently represent an optionally-substituted heterocyclic group;  $n$  is an integer selected from 1 and 2;  $L$  represents a substituent bonding to  $A_{11}$  or  $B_{11}$  at any desired position; when  $n$  is 1,  $L$  represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent substituent; and when  $n$  is 2,  $L$  represents a single bond or a divalent linking group;

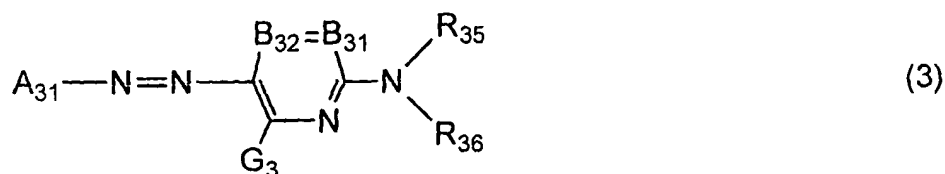


wherein  $X_{21}$ ,  $X_{22}$ ,  $X_{23}$ , and  $X_{24}$  each independently represent  $-\text{SO}-Z_2$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2-Z_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$ , a sulfo group,  $-\text{CONR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$ , or  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_{21}$ ;  $Z_2$  independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;  $\text{R}_{21}$  and  $\text{R}_{22}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

$Y_{21}$ ,  $Y_{22}$ ,  $Y_{23}$ , and  $Y_{24}$  each independently represent a monovalent substituent;

$a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$ , and  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  indicate the number of the substituents of  $X_{21}$  to  $X_{24}$  and  $Y_{21}$  to  $Y_{24}$ , respectively;  $a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$  each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4, but all of

these are not 0 at the same time;  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4;  
and when  $a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$ , and  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  are a number of 2 or more, then plural  $X_{21}$ 's to  $X_{24}$ 's  
and  $Y_{21}$ 's to  $Y_{24}$ 's may be the same or different;  
M represents a hydrogen atom, a metal atom or its oxide, hydroxide or halide;



wherein  $A_{31}$  represents a 5-membered hetero ring;  $B_{31}$  and  $B_{32}$  each represent  $=CR_{31}-$  or  $-CR_{32}=$ ,  
or either one of them is a nitrogen atom and the other is  $=CR_{31}-$  or  $-CR_{32}=$ ;  $R_{35}$  and  $R_{36}$  each  
independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic  
group, an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a carbamoyl group,  
an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, or a sulfamoyl group, and each group may be substituted;  $G_3$ ,  $R_{31}$   
and  $R_{32}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic group, an  
aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an  
alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a heterocyclic-oxycarbonyl group, an acyl  
group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a  
heterocyclic-oxy group, a silyloxy group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, an  
alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxycarbonyloxy group, an amino group, an acylamino group,  
an ureido group, a sulfamoylamino group, an alkoxycarbonylamino group, an  
aryloxycarbonylamino group, an alkyl or arylsulfonylamino group, a heterocyclic

sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, an alkyl or arylthio group, an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, a heterocyclic sulfonyl group, an alkyl or arylsulfinyl group, a heterocyclic sulfinyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a sulfo group, or a heterocyclic-thio group, and each group may be substituted; R<sub>31</sub> and R<sub>35</sub>, or R<sub>35</sub> and R<sub>36</sub> may bond to each other to form a 5- or 6-membered ring;



wherein A<sub>41</sub>, A<sub>42</sub> and A<sub>43</sub> each independently represent an optionally-substituted aromatic or heterocyclic group; A<sub>41</sub> and A<sub>43</sub> are monovalent group, and A<sub>42</sub> is a divalent group.

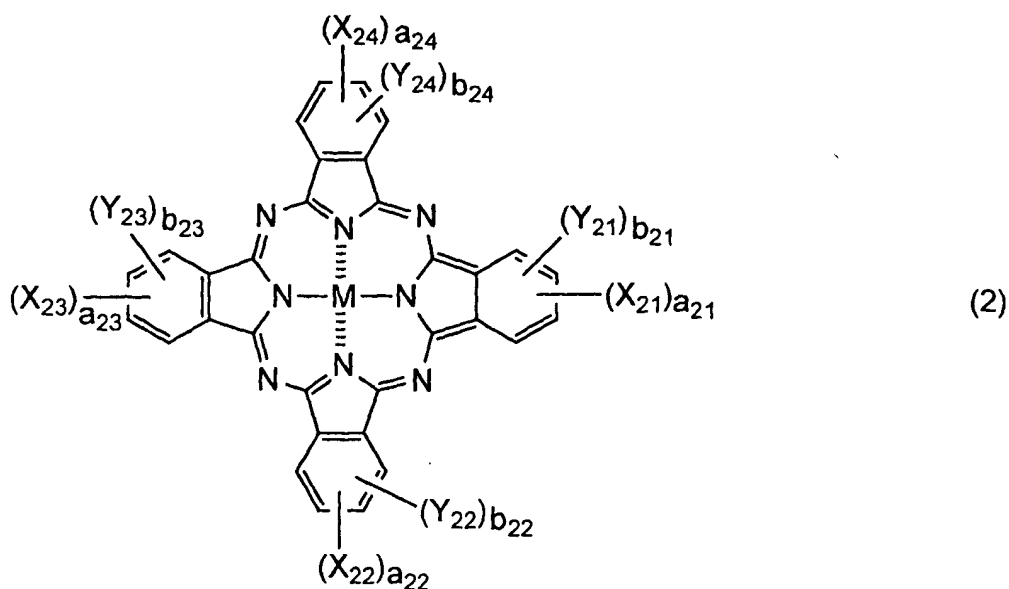
~~2. An~~ The first aspect of the invention includes an ink set for inkjet comprising at least one ink of claim 1, as described above.

~~3. An~~ In a second aspect, the invention provides an ink for inkjet (second aspect) comprising an aqueous medium, at least one of dyes represented by the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium, and at least one polymer compound dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium:



wherein A<sub>11</sub> and B<sub>11</sub> each independently represent an optionally-substituted heterocyclic group; n is an integer selected from 1 and 2; L represents a substituent bonding to A<sub>11</sub> or B<sub>11</sub> at any

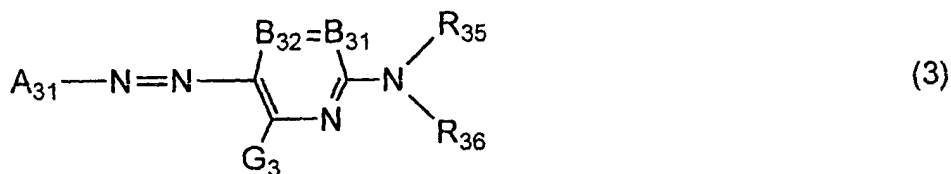
desired position; when n is 1, L represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent substituent; and  
 when n is 2, L represents a single bond or a divalent linking group;



wherein  $X_{21}$ ,  $X_{22}$ ,  $X_{23}$ , and  $X_{24}$  each independently represent  $-\text{SO}-Z_2$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2-Z_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$ , a sulfo group,  $-\text{CONR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$ , or  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_{21}$ ;  $Z_2$  independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;  $\text{R}_{21}$  and  $\text{R}_{22}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

$Y_{21}$ ,  $Y_{22}$ ,  $Y_{23}$ , and  $Y_{24}$  each independently represent a monovalent substituent;

$a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$ , and  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  indicate the number of the substituents of  $X_{21}$  to  $X_{24}$  and  $Y_{21}$  to  $Y_{24}$ , respectively;  $a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$  each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4, but all of these are not 0 at the same time;  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4; and when  $a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$ , and  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  are a number of 2 or more, then plural  $X_{21}$ 's to  $X_{24}$ 's and  $Y_{21}$ 's to  $Y_{24}$ 's may be the same or different; M represents a hydrogen atom, a metal atom or its oxide, hydroxide or halide;



wherein  $A_{31}$  represents a 5-membered hetero ring;  $B_{31}$  and  $B_{32}$  each represent  $=CR_{31}-$  or  $-CR_{32}=$ , or either one of them is a nitrogen atom and the other is  $=CR_{31}-$  or  $-CR_{32}=$ ;  $R_{35}$  and  $R_{36}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxy carbonyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, or a sulfamoyl group, and each group may be substituted;  $G_3$ ,  $R_{31}$  and  $R_{32}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxy carbonyl group, a heterocyclic-oxy carbonyl group, an acyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a heterocyclic-oxy group, a silyloxy group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, an alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxy carbonyloxy group, an amino group, an acylamino group,

an ureido group, a sulfamoylamino group, an alkoxycarbonylamino group, an aryloxycarbonylamino group, an alkyl or arylsulfonylamino group, a heterocyclic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, an alkyl or arylthio group, an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, a heterocyclic sulfonyl group, an alkyl or arylsulfinyl group, a heterocyclic sulfinyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a sulfo group, or a heterocyclic-thio group, and each group may be substituted; R<sub>31</sub> and R<sub>35</sub>, or R<sub>35</sub> and R<sub>36</sub> may bond to each other to form a 5- or 6-membered ring;



wherein A<sub>41</sub>, A<sub>42</sub> and A<sub>43</sub> each independently represent an optionally-substituted aromatic or heterocyclic group; A<sub>41</sub> and A<sub>43</sub> are monovalent group, and A<sub>42</sub> is a divalent group.

~~4. The~~ This second aspect of the invention includes the ink for inkjet as claimed in claim 3 described above, wherein the at least one polymer compound is a latex dispersion.

~~5. The~~ Further, this second aspect of the invention includes the ink for inkjet as claimed in claim 3 described above, wherein the at least one polymer compound is a water-soluble polymer.

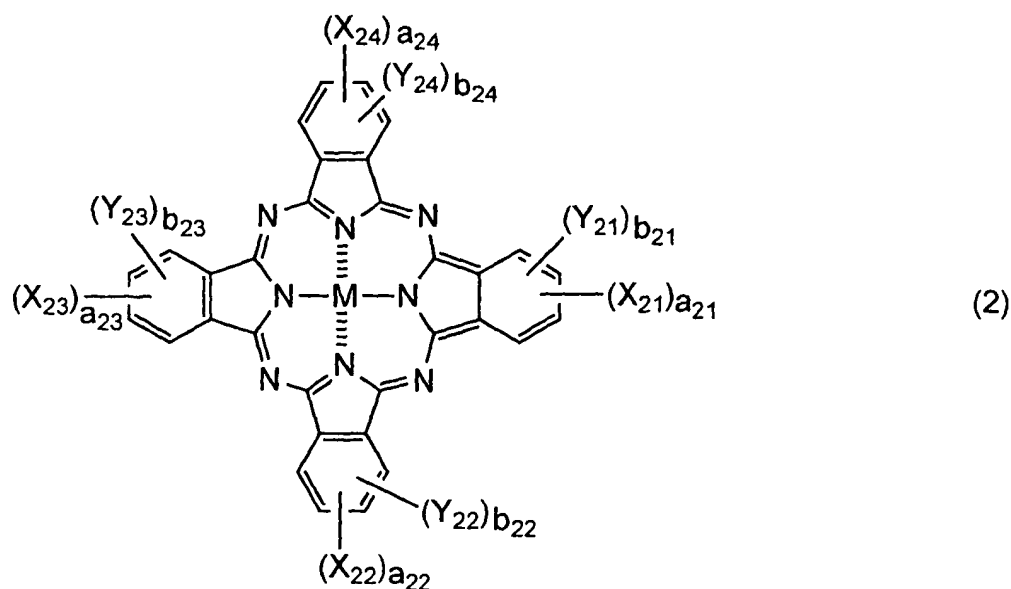
~~6. The~~ Further, this second aspect of the invention includes the ink for inkjet as claimed in claim 3 described above, wherein the at least one polymer compound has a cationic group.

~~7. An~~ Still further, the invention includes an ink set for inkjet comprising at least one ink of any of claims 3 to 6 as described in the preceding paragraphs relative to the first and second aspects of the invention.

~~8. An~~ In a third aspect, the invention provides an ink set for inkjet (third aspect)  
comprising at least a first ink and a second ink, wherein  
the first ink contains an aqueous medium and at least one of dyes represented by  
the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium, and  
the second ink contains at least one compound capable of interacting with the at  
least one of dyes represented by the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the  
aqueous medium:



wherein  $A_{11}$  and  $B_{11}$  each independently represent an optionally-substituted heterocyclic group;  $n$  is an integer selected from 1 and 2;  $L$  represents a substituent bonding to  $A_{11}$  or  $B_{11}$  at any desired position; when  $n$  is 1,  $L$  represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent substituent; and when  $n$  is 2,  $L$  represents a single bond or a divalent linking group;

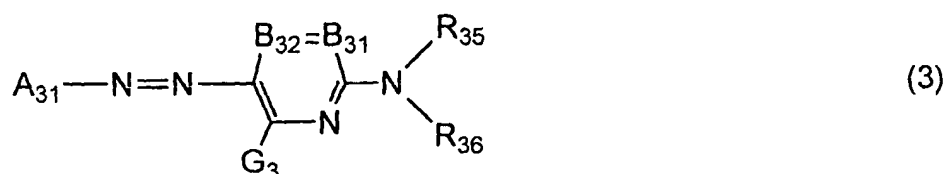


wherein  $X_{21}$ ,  $X_{22}$ ,  $X_{23}$ , and  $X_{24}$  each independently represent  $-\text{SO}-Z_2$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2-Z_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$ , a sulfo group,  $-\text{CONR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$ , or  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_{21}$ ;  $Z_2$  independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;  $\text{R}_{21}$  and  $\text{R}_{22}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

$Y_{21}$ ,  $Y_{22}$ ,  $Y_{23}$ , and  $Y_{24}$  each independently represent a monovalent substituent;

$a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$ , and  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  indicate the number of the substituents of  $X_{21}$  to  $X_{24}$  and  $Y_{21}$  to  $Y_{24}$ , respectively;  $a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$  each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4, but all of

these are not 0 at the same time;  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4;  
and when  $a_{21}$  to  $a_{24}$ , and  $b_{21}$  to  $b_{24}$  are a number of 2 or more, then plural  $X_{21}$ 's to  $X_{24}$ 's  
and  $Y_{21}$ 's to  $Y_{24}$ 's may be the same or different;  
M represents a hydrogen atom, a metal atom or its oxide, hydroxide or halide;



wherein  $A_{31}$  represents a 5-membered hetero ring;  $B_{31}$  and  $B_{32}$  each represent  $=CR_{31}-$  or  $-CR_{32}=$ ,  
or either one of them is a nitrogen atom and the other is  $=CR_{31}-$  or  $-CR_{32}=$ ;  $R_{35}$  and  $R_{36}$  each  
independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic  
group, an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a carbamoyl group,  
an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, or a sulfamoyl group, and each group may be substituted;  $G_3$ ,  $R_{31}$   
and  $R_{32}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic group, an  
aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an  
alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a heterocyclic-oxycarbonyl group, an acyl  
group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a  
heterocyclic-oxy group, a silyloxy group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, an  
alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxycarbonyloxy group, an amino group, an acylamino group,  
an ureido group, a sulfamoylamino group, an alkoxycarbonylamino group, an  
aryloxycarbonylamino group, an alkyl or arylsulfonylamino group, a heterocyclic

sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, an alkyl or arylthio group, an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, a heterocyclic sulfonyl group, an alkyl or arylsulfinyl group, a heterocyclic sulfinyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a sulfo group, or a heterocyclic-thio group, and each group may be substituted; R<sub>31</sub> and R<sub>35</sub>, or R<sub>35</sub> and R<sub>36</sub> may bond to each other to form a 5- or 6-membered ring;



wherein A<sub>41</sub>, A<sub>42</sub> and A<sub>43</sub> each independently represent an optionally-substituted aromatic or heterocyclic group; A<sub>41</sub> and A<sub>43</sub> are monovalent group, and A<sub>42</sub> is a divalent group.

~~9. The~~ This third aspect of the invention includes an ink set for inkjet as claimed in claim 8 described above, wherein the compound capable of interacting with the dye is a polyvalent metal salt.

~~10. The~~ Further, this third aspect of the invention includes an ink set for inkjet as claimed in claim 8 described above, wherein the compound capable of interacting with the dye is a polycationic compound.

~~11. An~~ Still further, the third aspect of the invention includes an inkjet recording method with an ink set of any of claims 8 to 10 as described in the preceding paragraphs comprising a step of forming an image with the first ink and a step of applying the second ink onto the image.